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Elba man arrested last week on multiple sexual abuse charges

According to Coffee County Jail reports, Douglas Marler, age 35, of Elba currently is in jail facing multiple charges of sexual abuse and rape.



Marler has been released by Elba Police on Marler's arrest. He remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.

Two men arrested last week in Elba on drug-related charges

Two drug-related arrests were made last week by Elba Police, according to Coffee County Jail records.



Blietz (left); Wilson (right)

Christopher Blietz, age 29, of Elba, was booked into the county jail at 6:08 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, following his arrest. The charges on record include possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], tampering with physical evidence [\$5,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,000 bond], and misdemeanor failure to appear [\$500 bond].

The following day, Thursday, April 27, Timothy Wilson, age 44, of Elba, was arrested by Elba Police and booked into the county jail at 7:15 p.m. Jail records show he is charged with

CCBOE accepts resignation of New Brockton teacher during called meeting

The Coffee County Board of Education held a called meeting Thursday, April 27, at noon, and the only action taken by the board, other than voting to enter an executive session, was the acceptance of a resignation letter from a New Brockton School teacher.

After calling the meeting to order, the board members voted to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. After they returned to open session, board members voted to approve the superintendent's recommendations for personnel matters.

The only matter listed on the Superintendent Kelly Cobbs list was to accept the resignation of HeartLee Sanders as a teacher at New Brockton High School, effective immediately.

No further details were provided.

The Coffee County Board of Education will meet this Thursday, May 4, for the board's regular monthly meeting. That is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Area Happenings

Elba City School's presentation of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr. begins Thursday, May 4, and continues through Saturday, May 6th. Tickets can be purchased on Gofan or can be purchased at the door. Thursday and Friday shows at 6:30 p.m. Saturday will have two show times - 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St. This meeting is open to the public.

Local Masonic Motorcycle Riders will conduct a Pulled Pork Plate Fundraiser to, in part, fund Christmas gifts for residents of the Elba Nursing and Rehab Center. The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Elba Masonic Lodge, located across from the Carl Folsom Airport on Larkin Road in Elba. Plates will be carryout only. Suggested donation \$10 per plate.



LOOKING TO BRING A BLUEWAY TRAIL TO ELBA... This group of interested folks gathered recently at the Elba Public Library to discuss the possibility of bringing a Blueway Trail to Elba's Pea River and Whitewater Creek. This is a project of Restoration 154, according to Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, and that group is working with the National Park Service [NPS] as part of a grant award from NPS. A blueway water trail is a marked route navigable waterways such as rivers, lakes, canals, and coastlines for recreational use. Blueway trails allow access to waterways for watercraft including non-motorized boats, inner tubes, etc. NPS is providing a service to Elba to help locate ways to take advantage of its natural resources, like the Pea River and Whitewater Creek. Meeting participants included (shown above in a round table discussion at the Elba Public Library): Mayor Maddox; Greg Hanchey, Elba Parks and Recreation; Sandy Williams, Elba Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet and Tourism; Steve Northcutt, The Nature Conservancy; Ed Poolos, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Rachel Armstrong, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission; Justin Maddox, Restoration 154; Laurie Chapman, Restoration 154; Bill Lane, National Parks Service; Jeff Powell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Alabama Ecological Services Field Office; Evelyn Moreno, National Parks Service; Tony and Amanda Johnson, owners of Pea River Outdoors; Gappa Wise, Elba City Councilman; and Anna Mitchell, Auburn University Landscape Architecture.

During April 24th Coffee County Commission meeting

County engineer provides update on road resurfacing projects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County engineer Marty Lentz provided an update on resurfacing projects during the Monday, April 24, county commission meeting held in New Brockton.

Lentz said the resurfac-

ing portion of the projects for County Roads 266 and 157 were complete. He also noted that resurfacing on County Road 636 was scheduled to begin the second week in May, according to the contractor.

Regarding County Rd. 636, Lentz said just under



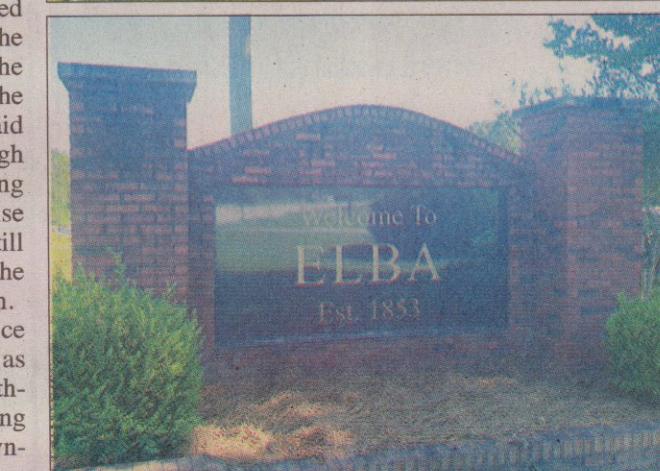
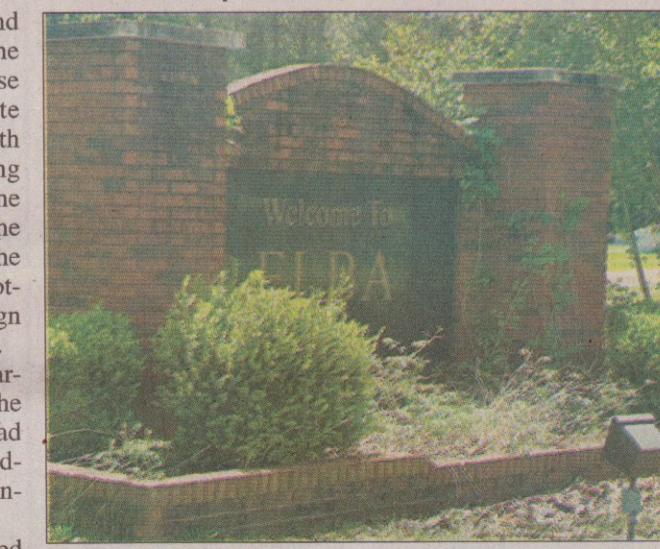
THE ELBA TIGERS BOYS GOLF TEAM TOOK FIRST PLACE Tuesday, May 2, in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 1A/2A Boys Section 1 Sectional Tournament played in Greenville, Ala. Elba topped second place Pike Liberal Arts School from Troy by eight strokes with an overall team score of 321 while Pike Lib had an overall team score of 329. Third place went to Wicksburg High with an overall team score of 360, fourth place was Washington County with an overall team score of 369, while Brantley High finished fifth with a team score of 371, and Pleasant Home High was sixth with a team score of 419. The Elba golfers are pictured here with their Class 1A/2A Sectionals Championship plaque – (from left) Coach Mark Wicker, Powell Bane, Alex Wisecup, Bradley Chapman, Jay Wilson, and Trace Grantham.

Elba City councilman addresses "clean up" needs around town

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, April 24, councilman Gappa Wise asked for the city crews to take a look at "sprucing up" some things around town before the Rockin' the River event set for Friday and Saturday, May 5 & 6, in Elba. Wise presented photos of the 'Welcome to Elba'

signs along Hwy 189 and Hwy 87 coming into the city. He said both these signs need immediate attention due to overgrowth of weeds (the sign along Hwy 189 is pictured to the right – top photo is the one Wise presented at the council meeting and bottom photo shows the sign as of Tuesday, May 2nd). A check on the signs earlier this week showed the councilman's request had been met with the landscape looking much cleaner.

Also, Wise was concerned over the condition of the fountain located on the square in Elba. During the April 24th meeting, he said it again was looking rough with water overflowing and appearing dirty. Wise said there obviously is still something wrong with the operation of that fountain. He said it would be nice to have that cleaned up as well before the May 5th-6th event that will bring lots of people to the downtown square.



9 miles of roadway would be resurfaced, and the actual resurfacing portion should take approximately 2-3 weeks. After resurfacing work is finished, he said there would be some shoulder work for county employees to finish but not as much as required on County Rds. 266 and 157.

Environmental services coordinator Mike Thornton asked commissioners to approve a new annual bid contract for alternative daily cover at the landfill. He said LSC Environmental Products was the only company to bid for the product, and this is the company with the contract currently.

"They've really become the only player in the field," Thornton said of LSC Environmental Products. The new bid price was \$24.19 per bag for a full truckload of 880 bags. Thornton said this was about \$2 more per bag from the previous year's bid, but that was still 'in line' with the inflation being seen for products.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the bid contract. Also, Thornton noted that the county landfill would be open and operational on

Memorial Day, which will be Monday, May 29, this year.

Upon recommendation of county administrator Rod Morgan, commissioners voted to enter a contract to allow the Sheriff's Office to work on transitioning from its web page to a phone-based app for pushing information out to county residents. He said this transition would take place in the near future.

Also, during the meeting, commissioners voted to appoint Morgan, assistant county engineer Michael Walters, and Commissioners Sonny Moore to serve on the Coffee County Solid Waste Disposal Authority board. Morgan had previously been serving and was re-appointed.

Probate Judge Jodee Thompson was reappointed to continue serving on the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board. Morgan said Thompson had been an asset serving on that board for the county.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, May 8, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the commission building in New Brockton.

Rockin' the River set for Saturday in Elba

The annual Rockin' the River event will be Saturday, May 6, in Elba. Activities will be held at Tiger Town Park and on the Square in downtown Elba.

The day's activities will include the Foggy Bottom Car Show, River Run 5K, Kayak Race, Redneck River Run, Food Truck Alley and Vendors, Live Music, Art Expo, Pop-Up Elba History Museum, Cornhole Tournament, Art Demonstrations, Silent Auction, Arts & Crafts, Sidewalk Chalk Competition, Rubber Ducky Race, Rollin' on the River Skate Party, and more.

Visit www.rockintheriverelba.com for more information and event times.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." — Charles R. Swindoll

Last week the New York Times released the results of their food taster board on peanut butter. Being a lover of this product, we read with great anticipation the results. Well NEITHER of the two tied for first place were our favorite. One of the two was Skippy, which we have seen in the stores, however the other one was one of a dozen that were strangers to the shelves of our area stores. Coming in close behind was JIF which made our heart race, as that is our number ONE choice and a staple in our kitchen cabinet!

Elba is the place to be - come Saturday! There is a car show, kayak race, 5K river run, live music, art exhibit, Elba history museum (pop-up), silent auction, arts and crafts, a bunch of food vendors plus a lot of other things. All this at Tiger Town Park and 'on the square'! Of course we suspect the kayak race will be in the river :).

There have been more crazy shootings in the past week. One guy in Texas is accused of killing several neighbors who reportedly had asked him to move the shooting of his automatic rifle away from their house. We read where someone tried to excuse his actions by implying he was 'probably drunk'. That may be true, but he was sober enough to run after the killings (and still on the run Tuesday of this week). So, if we are on the trial jury don't try using that defense, as we think murder is murder.

Our weekly reports in the newspaper on the large number of local citizens being arrested on drug charges stirs a lot of talk among our readers. Our question every week is, 'when will we finally get them all arrested and off the streets of Coffee County?' Maybe it is a case of someone stepping up to fill a salesman's void when a half dozen citizens accused of selling drugs are suddenly off the streets and there is not a job opening!



The Elba Chamber's "Business of the Month" for May is Lawford's Hardware. This longtime, downtown square staple hardware store is owned and operated by Wayne and Betty Lawford (pictured above).

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Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday, May 6, in Elba

rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th.

There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous makes and models on display. Multiple trophies will be awarded to the car show participants.

For more information about the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505 or register online at www.rockintheriverelba.com [or register the day of the event on site].

The car show is sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers.

Elba Police Report

Friday, Apr. 28 — Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (6:36 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Ann St (7:23 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1359 Smith Ave (8:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Champ McCollough Dr — w/impound (9:29 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 406 Moore Ave (11:12 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 607 Mullins Circle (6:37 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, and one citation.

Tuesday, Apr. 25 — Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 141 (2:26 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (4:16 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1649 Boswell St (8:32 a.m.); Animal complaint on Flats Dirt Rd (8:33 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 16105 Hwy 167, New Brockton (8:49 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 123 Dunham Ave N (4:20 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 689 Hwy 141 (9:38 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, two citations, and two verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Apr. 26 — Suspicious circumstances reported in Mulberry Heights (1:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1303 Reese Ave — w/impound (7:58 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 312 Simmons St (8:57 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1649 Boswell St (10:02 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 411 Moore Ave — w/ citation issued (2:22 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Davis St E (3:50 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (11:55 p.m.).

Thursday, Apr. 27 — Animal complaint reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:37 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1131 Guyton St (6:22 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 777 Claxton Ave N (6:52 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported on Caroline St (7:20 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, and one citation.

Sunday, Apr. 30 — Burglary reported at 707 Simmons St (10:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 944 Sunset Blvd (10:54 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 — w/ citation issued (2:22 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1303 Reese Ave — w/ arrest (11:24 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 424 Dr Roberts Dr (1:08 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, May 1 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Farris/MLK — w/ arrest (11:24 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 424 Dr Roberts Dr (1:08 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, May 2 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 3 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, May 4 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, May 5 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, May 6 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, May 7 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, May 8 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, May 9 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 10 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, May 11 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, May 12 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, May 13 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, May 14 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, May 15 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, May 16 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 17 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, May 18 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, May 19 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, May 20 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, May 21 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, May 22 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, May 23 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 24 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, May 25 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, May 26 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, May 27 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, May 28 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, May 29 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, May 30 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 31 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, June 1 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, June 2 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, June 3 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, June 4 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Monday, June 5 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Tuesday, June 6 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, June 7 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, June 8 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Friday, June 9 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, June 10 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, June 11 — Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in



HANCHEY RAISED TO MASTER MASON..The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 members, at their regular meeting held Monday, May 1, raised Brother Seth Edmon Hanchey to a Master Mason. A social time and degree work was enjoyed by all, with over 50 Masons present (as shown above). The group was particularly proud to have Brother Rusty Beck, Grandmaster of the State of Alabama, present for the meeting.



Visit the Pea River "Pop Up" Elba History Museum during Rockin' the River this Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The exhibit will be displayed in Recollections Antiques annex next to the old theater on the square in downtown Elba and is sponsored by the Elba Historical Preservation Committee. Come by and see the artifacts and photos displayed. There is one of several of the large murals painted by Lamar Rainer Sr., lots of Elba flood photos, and other items on display. Anyone with something to donate also is asked to visit the exhibit and share. Also, sign up to be a part of the Committee. Above, Joan Ward and Jean Helms are pictured with some of the items on hand.

Mizell Memorial Hospital to celebrate Hospital Week

Mizell Memorial Hospital will join hospitals across the nation in celebrating National Hospital Week this May 7-13, with the theme, "We Are Health Care".

Each year this special week gives the opportunity for hospitals and their communities to celebrate the hospitals, health systems, and the women and men who support the health and well-being of their communities through dedication and care from the heart. Mizell Memorial is an important part of the fabric of this community today and has been for over 70 years. Mizell plans to celebrate this week with activities each day.

Coppage wins Troy University's College of Education Outstanding Student Undergraduate Award

Gracie Coppage of Elba, Ala., was among the students recognized for outstanding achievements in academics, leadership and service during Troy University's annual Honors Convocation.

Coppage received the College of Education Outstanding Student

Undergraduate Award.

The Honors Convocation was held on Friday, April 21, at the Dothan Campus. Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dothan Campus Vice Chancellor, gave the welcome address, and the event was preceded by a reception for the honorees and their guests.

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HENRY WILLARD GRANTHAM

Mr. Henry Willard Grantham, age 70, of Phenix City, Ala., died Sunday, April 30, 2023, at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Ga.



Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 11 a.m., from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala. with Rev. Jimmy Grantham officiating. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

He was preceded in death by wife - Carol Grantham; parents - Grady and Ivey Ellis Grantham; sister - Wanda Davis; brothers - GB Grantham Jr., Grady "Buster" Grantham, Eugene "Snowball" Grantham, and Benny "Pete" Grantham.

Survivors include his stepsons: Joel Mattox, Smiths Station, Ala., Frank Mattox, Columbus, Ga., and Chris Mattox, Baton Rouge, La.; grandson: Seth Mattocks, Spanish Fort, Ala.; granddaughters: Christina Mattocks, and Emma Mattocks, both of Columbus; brother: Dwyett (Marie) Grantham, and sisters: Polly Grantham, Gail (Glen) Gattin, and Faye (Jimmy) Tillis, all of Elba.

PAUL R. WHITE

Mr. Paul R. "Randy" White, age 58, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, May 1, 2023, at Troy Health & Rehab in Troy, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Cary Maulden officiating. Burial services followed in the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Randy was preceded in death by his father - James H. White Sr.

Survivors include his son: Hunter (Payton) White, Dothan, Ala.; grandsons: Greyson Cooper White, and Forrest Valor Davis, both of Dothan; brother: Hayes (Donna) White,

Elba; and mother: Margaret White, Elba.

Eddins officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Johnetta Renee Howell, age 52, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Graveside services and burial were held Monday, May 1, 2023, from Evergreen Cemetery with Mr. Douglas Howell officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her son: Roy (Clare) King, San Antonio, Texas; sister-in-law: Dixann King, Elba, Ala.; and aunt: Roxie W. Smart, Jack, Ala.

PAUL C. MARTIN

Mr. Paul C. Martin, age 65, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Survivors include her husband: Douglas Paul Howell, Elba; sons: John Randall Craddock, Mobile, Ala., and Christopher Wyatt Howell, Elba; brother: Dave Blaine Mays, Crestview, Fla.; and sister: Naoma Franks, Cumming, Ga.

SELENA MODLIN KING

Mrs. Selena Modlin King, age 68, of Troy, Ala. (Jack Community), was found dead at her home Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy

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Books of Remembrance. This is a book set in a common area, typically during a wake or vigil service. Guests who have come to pay their respects to the deceased and the grieving family may sign in and write messages, memories, or poems to commemorate the deceased.

Memorial Cards. Memorial cards are a small but lasting tribute to the person who has passed. They are credit card sized items that typically have a meaningful photo and words printed on them. These cards serve as a tangible memory of the loved one. They are a convenient source of familiarity and comfort for family or friends who are mourning their loss. They are typically laminated and are included in thank you notes the grieving family might send to those who could not attend the funeral, calling hours, wake, or vigil.

Prayer Cards. As part of Catholic tradition, prayer cards, or holy cards, are small cards with devotional pictures. They generally illustrate a religious scene or saint. There is a prayer printed on the back of the card. This is done so the cardholder can recite the prayer and better cope with the loss of their loved one. Giving out these cards to guests is a common practice and part of the culture of Roman Catholicism.

Personalized Tokens. Many other items of a more personal nature can be considered, like give aways or little knick-knacks. These may reference a hobby or skill your loved one expressed great interest in.

When preparing to celebrate and remember the life of a loved one, consider these tokens you may present to those who have come to the funeral or wake services. In doing so, you can offer support and comfort to all who are grieving and give guests a tangible way to remember and honor the person who has passed.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church

Dads, We Can Do Better

Hello, Dads.

I've heard it said that a teen spends less than an hour a week talking with his/her father and twenty-one hours a week watching TV. Add in time spent with friends, on the phone, and social media, it's a wonder that teens have time to even sleep. Bottom line, dads, such lack of interaction, relationship building, and lack of "coaching" time from you won't cut it. Is it any wonder that our teenage children are struggling like they are?

Dad, I hope you are an exception. But chances are, we all could do better. Distractions and taking on too many commitments make it extremely challenging at times to be the dad we want to be.

Dad, do you know how much time you actually spend with your children? Why not track it over the next four weeks?

Remember: Time spent with your children spells L-O-V-E. So get a calendar and schedule some weekly time with them, doing things together, talking, just being with them in their world.

You don't have to have an agenda. The goal is simply to be together, listen, and share yourself with your children. You know--heart-to-heart! This is being intentional with your kids. Otherwise, weeks and months will slip by and you will have missed wonderful opportunities to influence your sons and daughters for their good and God's glory. And that's your goal, right?

Dad, if you want to talk to someone about your journey as a dad or any struggles you're dealing with, give me a call. I've been where you are. Here's what I know for a fact: There's help and there's always hope. Remember: God's desire is to "...turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Malachi 4:6).



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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GOD'S POWER HOUSE TABERNACLE
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

HAWK HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Reonda Smith, Pastor

Church Office . . . 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Lewis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
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ELBA CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
John E. Hill, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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ELBA CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Shirlie Ellis, Pastor

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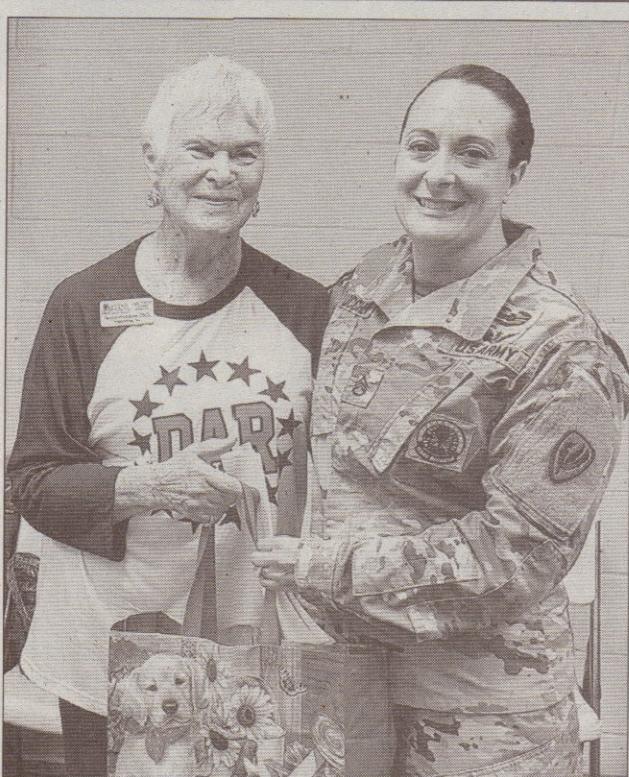
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SSGT LUCCHESI SPEAKS TO DAR CHAPTER...

SSGT Deanna Lucchesi was the featured speaker at the John Coffee NSDAR meeting during National Defense Month. SSGT Lucchesi was awarded a Purple Heart in 2022 for her actions while assigned to the 82nd Aviation Regiment at Al-Asad Airbase, Iraq, where her unit came under attack by the largest ballistic missile operation ever perpetrated against U.S. forces. Multiple Iranian Qiam-1 short range ballistic missiles struck the hangers, maintenance facilities, living quarters and other support facilities primarily used by Task Force Scarecrow personnel. A warning of an imminent threat had been received. Within minutes one missile hit near her location and a second one hit shortly thereafter. SSGT Lucchesi helped relocate other soldiers in bunkers out of harm's way, as fire was spreading from one of the ballistic missiles. As she took accountability and reported up the chain of command, at least two ballistic missiles impacted the ground 25 meters of her position, resulting in her concussion and injury. SSGT Lucchesi currently serves as a Training Developer at the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Fort Novosel. Shown presenting a thank you gift to SSGT Lucchesi is Regent Jacque Hawkins of the John Coffee NSDAR Chapter.



10-YEAR CERTIFICATE... Elizabeth Vickers (right) was presented a certificate by Regent Jacque Hawkins, John Coffee Chapter NSDAR, from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution expressing appreciation to Elizabeth Vickers for 10 Years of Dedicated Service, signed by Pamela Rouse Wright, President General of NSDAR.

Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday in Elba
The Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held this Saturday, May 6, in historic downtown Elba, Ala., as part of the 2023 Rockin' the River event.

The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In case of rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th.

There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous

makes and models on display. Multiple trophies will be awarded to the car show participants.

Also, the day's events will include live music, food trucks, and vendors.

For more information about the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334)

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Twenty-five students from Southeast Alabama have been announced as the 2023 recipients of the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship. These students demonstrated outstanding commitment to serving others, and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the university, college, or technical school of their choice. This year's recipients are: Allie Bedsole, Rehobeth High School; Madison Page Bledsoe, Ashford High School; Preston Bourne, New Brockton High School; Kennedy Bullard, Straughn High School; Orlandia Chitty, Abbeville High School; Paine Cole, Dothan High School; Caroline Courson, Opp High School; Mackenzie Daniel, Luverne High School; Lauren Dodson, Cottonwood High School; Kaylen Fuller, Highland Home High School; Madeline Hamilton, Headland High School; Ella Hogan, Enterprise High School; Haley Jones, Daleville High School; Khloe' Lamplrey, Pike County High School; Kimberly Morton, Russell County High School; Eli Nichols, Brantley High School; Kayley Peebles, Red Level High School; Catherine Pettie, Andalusia High School; Jacob Pryor, Greenville High School; Marlon Stabler, Carroll High School; Katie Wilkins, Charles Henderson High School; Joel Wilkinson, Pleasant Home High School; Annie Wingate, Eufaula High School; Ra Winters, Elba High School; and Aiden Wright, Dale County High School. The Community Service Scholarship program is part of an overall commitment by Southeast Gas to serve area schools through its Give Back to Schools initiative. Since the scholarship's inception in 2015, 169 students have received more than \$250,000 in funding to assist with college. Additionally, local schools in the Southeast Gas service area receive direct assistance through the company's Give Back to Schools programs, totaling more than \$1,400,000 over the past 14 years. Southeast Gas provides natural gas service to 36 communities throughout Southeast Alabama, and is owned by 14 cities - Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

Tickets on sale for new play at Brundidge's We Piddle Around Theatre

The Brundidge Historical Society will present the brand new, original folk life play, "Well, It's All Over Town!" at the We Piddle Around Theatre in Brundidge on May 4th 5th, and 6th.

Doors will open each night at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and include dinner and the play.

Call (334) 685-5524 or (334) 670-6302 or tickets.

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New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

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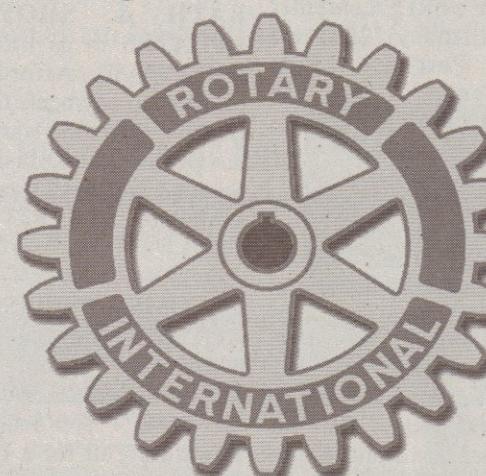
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ELBA MASONIC LODGE REGULAR MEETING WORK... On Monday, April 17, during the regular meeting of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, Brother Joseph Hayden Disotell was examined on his Entered Apprentice Lesson, and Brother Seth Edmon Hanchey was examined on his Fellow Craft lesson, each by Brother Mike Amison. Also, Brother Joshua Dewayne Carnley was examined on his Master Mason lesson by Harry Young. All reportedly turned in great lessons. Those pictured above include: [front, l to r] Daniel Stephens, Mike Amison, Matt Brunson Sr., Matt Brunson Jr., Seth Edmon Hanchey, Blake Austin, Joseph Hayden Disotell, Chris Sanders, Dale Stewart, Joe Daugherty, and Wayne Bryan; [middle, l to r] Shane Goude, Drexell Richards, Joshua Dewayne Carnley, Justin Prescott, Heath Hornsby, Michael Phelps, Randy Hawthorne, Eddie Kelley, Allan Crenshaw, and Joel Moore; and [back, l to r] Mike Stocke, Tommy Morrow, Wendell Black, Jerome Blackmon, and Troy Gideon III.

LEGAL NOTICESPublic Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge**NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION**

Notice to: unknown father of S.B. (DOB 06/13/2007) and C.B. (DOB 01/31/2014), mother Marissa Baldwin, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Coffee County Department of Human Resources' petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed the 7th day of February, 2023, (set for hearing on the 7th day of July, 2023 at 19:00 a.m., Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama) and other relief by the 3rd day of June 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 19 JU 2021-135.02 and 19 JU 2021-138.02, in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-16-62, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

\$45-16-62

The coroner shall be elected at the general election and every four years thereafter, and shall serve for a term of four years.

The coroner shall appoint a chief deputy coroner from the judicial circuit division of the county where the elected coroner does not reside.

The chief deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$400 per month. The coroner may appoint one deputy coroner. The deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$300 per month. The Coffee County Commission may adjust the compensation and any expense allowance for the chief deputy coroner or deputy coroner by resolution of the commission. Any compensation or expense allowance shall be paid from the county general fund by the county commission.

(c)(1) A Coroner of Coffee County who is first elected, or appointed on or after September 22, 2015, shall receive an annual base salary of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per year, which shall be paid in the same manner and at the same time as other county employees.

The annual salary provided in subdivision (1) shall continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A of Title 11.

SYNOPSIS: Relating to Coffee County, to further provide for the appointment of a Chief Deputy Coroner and a Deputy Coroner and to provide for compensation for the Chief Deputy Coroner and Deputy Coroner.

The coroner may participate in the same retirement system and the same insurance plan in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as any other employee of the county.

The Coffee County Commission shall pay all expenses incurred or required by the coroner, and chief deputy coroner or deputy coroner to perform the duties of his or her office, including travel expenses pursuant to state-approved rates for state employees, radio and paging equipment and maintenance costs, and association dues and continuing education expenses. The expenses shall be paid from

COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**CASE NO. PC-23-028****IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRALEE SKINNER, Deceased.****NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED**Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of April, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that Covington Contracting, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of New ADA Ramp for Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School for the Coffee County Board of Education, Elba, AL, at Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School for the State of Alabama and Coffee County Owner(s) and have made request for final settlement of said Contract.

All persons having any claim for labor, materials,

or otherwise in connection with this project should

immediately notify McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Covington Contracting, Inc.,

400 Christy Lane, Andalusia, AL 36420

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**CASE NO. PC-2023-027****IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE MARGARET SPIRA, Deceased****NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Donna M. McVeigh,

as Personal Representative

of the Estate of Geraldine Margaret Spira on the

25th day of April, 2023,

by the Honorable Jodee R.

Thompson, Probate Judge

of Coffee County, Alabama,

notice is hereby given that

all persons having claims

against said Estate are hereby

required to present the same

within time allowed by law

or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Hon. Jodee R. Thompson,

Probate Judge

Joshua Pipkin

Attorney for the Estate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE**CASE NO. PC-2023-026****IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. MCVEIGH, Deceased****NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to

Donna M. McVeigh,

as Personal Representative

of the Estate of Geraldine

Margaret Spira on the

25th day of April, 2023,

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Thompson, Probate Judge

of Coffee County, Alabama,

notice is hereby given that

all persons having claims

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our newest grandson Cannon has a very anxious set of parents as they await the day he gets up on his knees and takes off around the house crawling. We have told them he will take off one day when he has somewhere he wants to go, and when he does they will wish he would slow down. I don't really remember our girls first steps back many years ago. However, I do know they have been going full speed ever since.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers** closed out the regular season with a win last week and will head off to the playoffs with the team's most wins in many years. The Elba girls have only two seniors on the team, which should help them be successful again next season. However, the players and coaches aren't looking ahead and have their sights set on many more wins in post-season play. Nothing ever comes easy for the team in 'black and gold,' but hopefully they have saved their best for last and will give their fans plenty to cheer about in the weeks to come.

*** **The Brantley Bulldogs** opened the high school baseball season with three straight losses and dropped four of their first five games, but just kept on working and caught fire late in the season and have continued to sizzle in the first two rounds of the playoffs with sweeps over Calhoun and Millry to advance to the third round. A lot of people wondered what was wrong with the Bulldogs early in the season. However, they are now on a roll and are a team that no one else in 1A wants to face.

*** **The Kinston Bulldogs** wrapped up a playoff berth by mid-season and looked like a 1A power, but the Bulldogs lost their last five regular season games and looked like anything but a contender back two weeks ago. While the 'Dogs did see their season end last weekend with a second round loss to Sweet Water, they shocked the state with a first round sweep on the road and posted a win in the series last weekend to complete a solid season. Kinston may not have made it as far as they had hoped, but the Bulldogs once again proved they were competitive in all sports in the 1A ranks, and had a solid stellar season.

*** **In closing....** Hundreds of lives were changed forever last week at the NFL Draft as the pro football league filled the pockets of former college players. Rookie contracts are locked in based on when a player is selected, with all rookie contracts being four-year deals. Bryce Young, the top pick in the draft, pulled in a \$42.2 million contract with a signing bonus of \$26.9 million, while former Crimson Tide teammates Will Anderson will get a cool \$38.2 million as the third selection and Jahmyr Gibbs will get a \$19.2 million pact as the twelfth pick. College football has become a business with the inception of the NIL contracts, but it is still easy to see why all the players set their sights on the NFL, and you can bet keep a watchful eye on their bank accounts. The sport has changed forever, even at the high school level.

High School

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Statistics from GAMECHANGER

High School Softball -

Samson 7 New Brockton 3 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short in a 7-3 loss to Samson. Kinsley Owens had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead New Brockton on the plate, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Kierstin Sunday added 1 hit. Mackenzie Jones, Kennedy Hussey and Ariana Smith combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on eight hits and three walks, while striking out three.

Brantley 6 Highland Home 0 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat Highland Home 6-0. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, including a home-run, had 3 rbi's and scored 1 run to lead Brantley at the plate, while AC Free added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kirstyn Ramirez added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Kallie Qualls and Mackenzie Jones combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 4 earned runs on 12 hits.

New Brockton 10 Pike Lib 9 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks jumped out to a 6-1 first inning lead and turned back a late threat to defeat Pike Liberal Arts 10-9. Kennedy Hussey had 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Shelby Hobbs added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Gabby Eubanks added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kirstyn Ramirez added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Mackenzie Jones combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 4 earned runs on 12 hits.

Luverne 6 Brantley 5 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs battled from behind throughout the game in a 6-5 loss to Brantley. Campbell Hawthorne had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Emma Crawley added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Kaylee Navarre and Anna Free combined to pitch six and one-third innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits and three walks.

Brantley 7 Prattville 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim a big 7-2 win over Prattville. Emma Crawley and Campbell Hawthorne both had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits and 1 rbi, and Coco Stamps added 2 hits and scored

Outscore Goshen 12-11

Elba Lady Tigers win a wild one

Statistics from
GAMECHANGER

The Elba Lady Tigers closed the regular season last week with an exciting 12-11 win over Goshen.

Goshen jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning and upped its lead to 3-0 in the top of the second, but the Lady Tigers bats came to life in the bottom of the inning and sparked by two-out singles by A'Lyric Whitfield and Mary Brooklyn O'Neal played two runs to pull within 3-2.

Elba trailed 4-2 heading into the bottom of the fourth. However, the Lady Tigers erupted for four runs in the inning and grabbed their first lead at 6-4. Walks to A'Lyric Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson ignited the rally, while Mary Brooklyn O'Neal, Taylor Day, Destinee Tidwell and Danielle Tidwell all came through with key hits as the Lady Tigers went on top.

The Lady Tigers continued their rally at the plate in the fifth inning and used a two-run double by Alayvia Stinson to add four more runs to extend their lead to 10-4, only to see Goshen take advantage of Elba errors to score three sixth inning runs and close to within 10-7.

Back-to-back hits by Elba's Emily Richardson and Ana Caldwell helped the Lady Tigers up their lead to 11-7 in the bottom of the sixth, but Goshen plated four runs in the top of the seventh and pulled even at 11-11.

Elba's Alayvia Stinson reached on a leadoff single in the bottom of the seventh, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Taylor Day and went to third on a wild pitch to put the winning run only sixty-



Elba Lady Tiger Aimee Senn watches the ball fly after a big hit in a recent win. The Lady Tigers closed area play with a 6-2 record.

(Photo by B.C. Sports Photography)



Elba Lady Tiger Emily Richardson found out that a good set of fingernails come in handy in a close game.

(Photo by B.C. Sports Photography)

Padgett brothers take third place in bass tourney fundraiser

The Straughn School Fishing Team sponsored a Bass Tournament Fundraiser Saturday, April 22, on Gant Lake. It was open to anyone interested (adults and youth).

Thirty-three boats registered for the event.

Drake Padgett, age 12, who has been fishing his older brother, Avery Padgett, for four years as he has traveled the state of Alabama fishing with the Zion

Chapel Bass Team, asked Avery if he would be available and interested in fishing this tournament and allow him to fish with him. After checking his tournament schedule, Avery agreed to fish the tournament.

On the heels of Avery's commitment, their dad immediately paid their registration fee, and Drake's anxiety level began to heighten; he had never had such an experience. Living on Point

A, Drake has been fishing in the area quite often but never in a tournament. Like he had seen his brother do in the past four years, Drake made a few shopping trips to add to his tackle collection and spent several hours organizing his tackle bag.

Launch time came at 6 a.m. (before daylight) Saturday, April 22, and Avery's boat was in the water with him and Drake on board.

Check-in time was 2 p.m.

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SPORTS NEWS

Sweeps Millry 5-4, 5-4

Brantley brings out the brooms

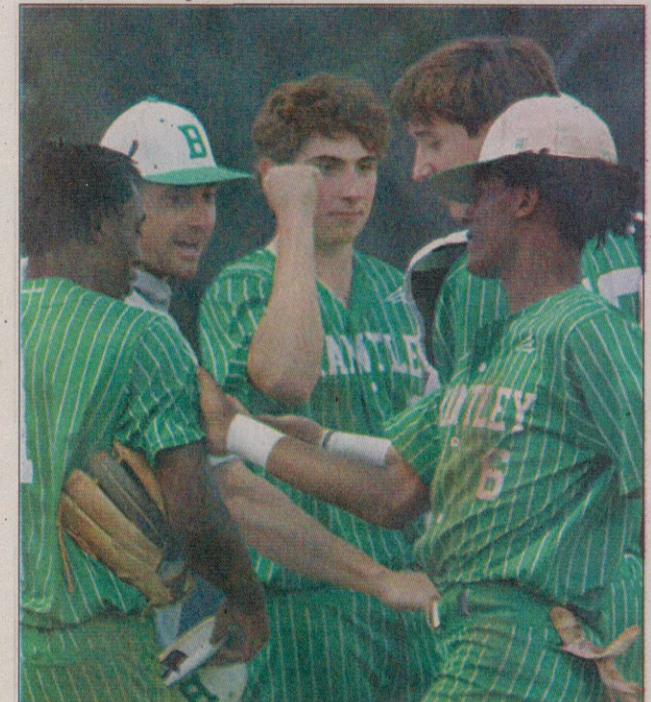
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GAMECHANGER

The Brantley Bulldogs competed in the Class 1A high school baseball playoffs last weekend and posted their second straight series sweep as they posted a pair of exciting 5-4 wins over Millry to advance to quarterfinal action.

Following are highlights of last week's playoff wins:

Brantley 5 Millry 4

Brantley's AJ Kilpatrick laid down a squeeze bunt



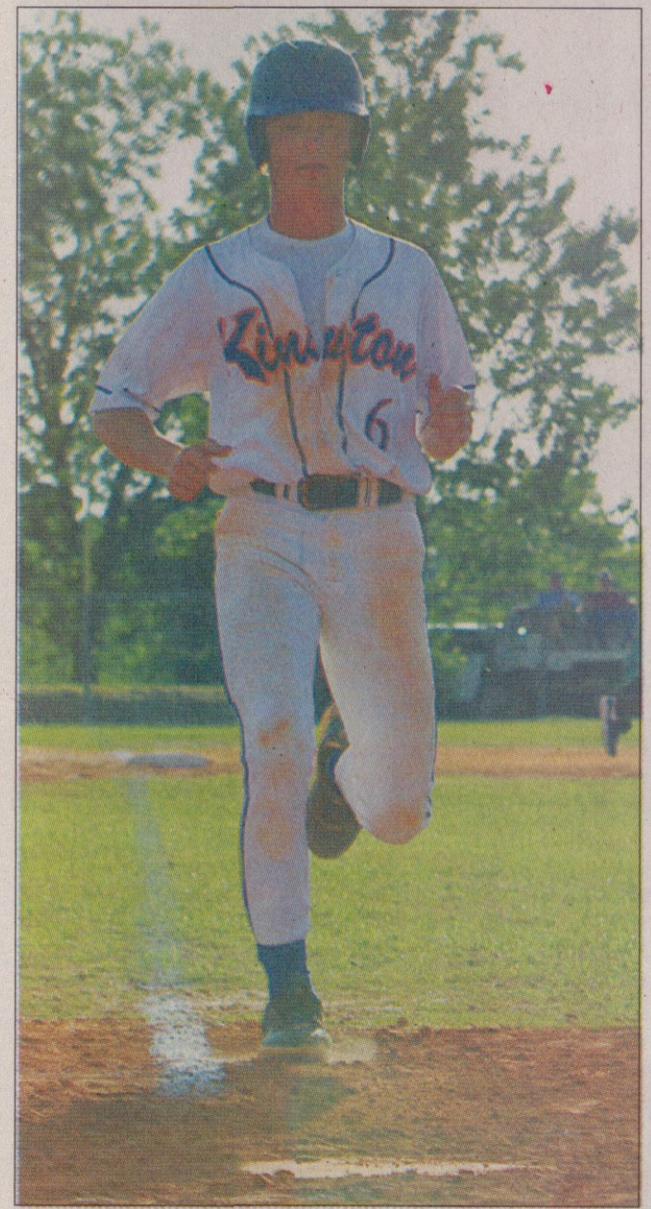
Brantley Bulldogs celebrate after posting another big win. The Bulldogs will meet Sweet Water this week in third round playoff action..

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

Kinston Bulldogs ousted from 1A playoffs with three-game series loss to Sweet Water

Statistics from
GAMECHANGER

The Kinston Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard in the opening game of last week's Class 1A baseball playoff series in a 9-7 win over Sweet Water, but managed only four runs in the next two games as they



Kinston Bulldog Owen Patterson (6) crosses the plate to help the 'Dogs win game one of last weekend's 1A playoff series over Sweet Water.

(Photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)

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in the top of the eighth inning that allowed Cooper Layton to cross the plate with the eventual winning run in a thrilling 5-4 playoff win over Millry.

The Bulldogs owned a 4-1 lead in the third inning and appeared to be in command, but failed to score again until the eighth inning heroics gave Brantley the exciting road win.

Tyson Grant had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaleb Weed

added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jayden Parks and Jon Bush both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jayden Parks was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed two innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, while Cooper Layton pitched six innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, while striking out four.

Brantley 5 Millry 4

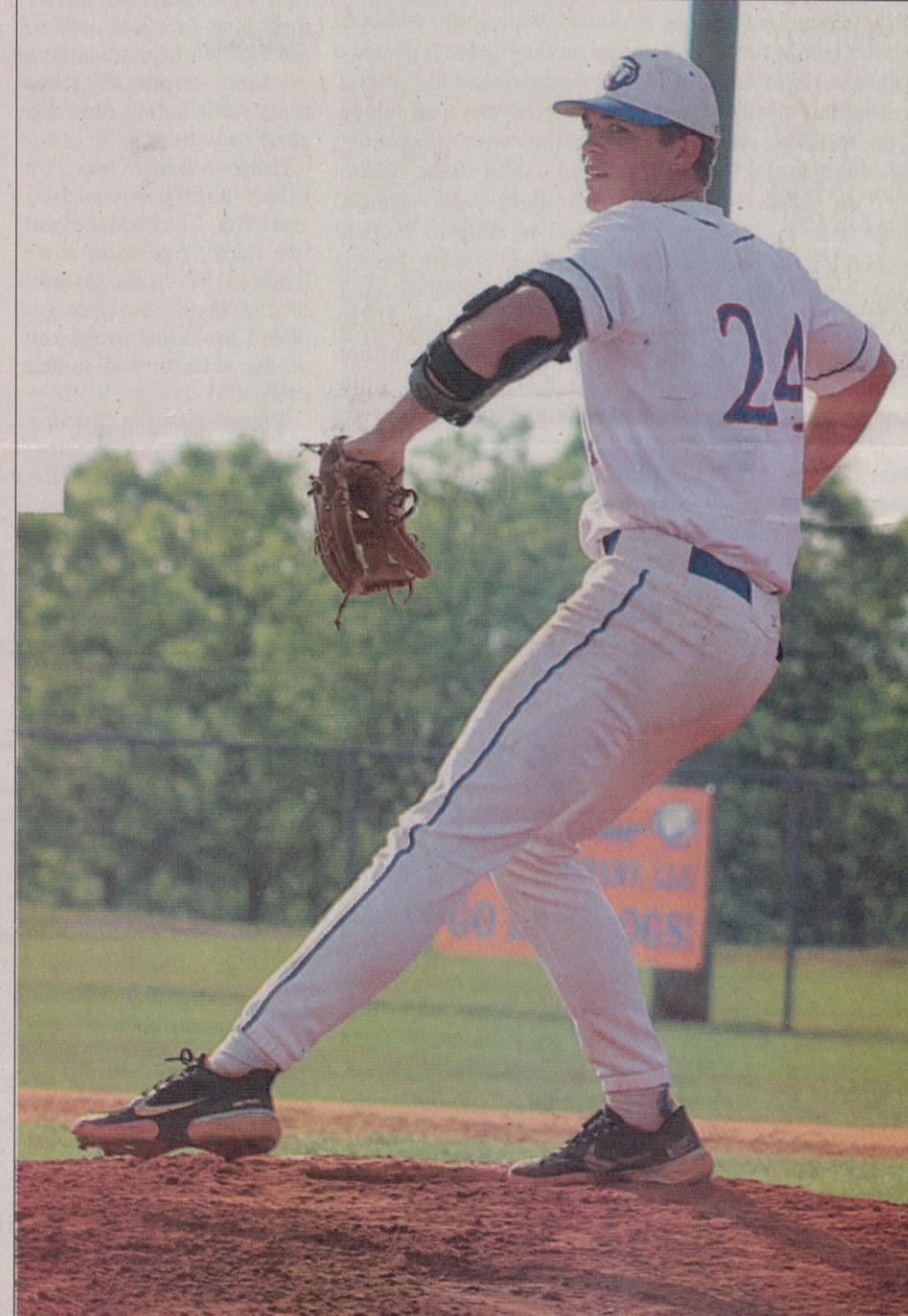
Brantley's Kaleb Weed hit a walk off rbi single in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Bulldogs a heart stopping 5-4 win over Millry, to complete a two-game sweep.

The Bulldogs trailed 4-2 heading into the sixth inning, but pulled within 4-3 in the sixth and then used seventh inning heroics to pull out the win.

Jayden Parks had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaleb Weed and Tyson Grant both added 1 hit and had 1 rbi; and, Jon Bush and AJ Kilpatrick both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jayden Parks was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed three and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with four strikeouts. AJ Kilpatrick pitched three and one-third inning and allowed two earned runs on two hits and two walks.

Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks was the winning pitcher in both playoff games last weekend as the 'Dogs advanced to the third round of the Class 1A high school baseball state tournament.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)



Kinston Bulldog Cale Sumblin (24) prepares to deliver a pitch in last weekend's playoff series against Sweet Water. The Bulldogs dropped the series 2-1 as their season came to an end.

(Photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)

BASS

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Drake thanks Avery for allowing him to fish with him and teaching him some new tricks for catching bass. He also thanks the Straughn Fishing Team for sponsoring an outstanding tournament and his family who came for the weigh-in.

PHOTO TO THE RIGHT: Avery Padgett, left, fished the Straughn Bass Team's fundraiser event on Gantt Lake recently with his younger brother, Drake Padgett (right). This was Drake's first fishing tournament. The brothers placed third in the event. They are shown holding the fish that vaulted them to third place in the fundraising event that featured over 30 boats.

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